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SUBJ: FEBRUARY 1974 DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR--
PARTICIPATION OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

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1. THE NORWEGIANS ASSURE US THEIR MAN WILL NOT OPPOSE THE SWISS
COMPROMISE PROPOSAL AT THE FORTHCOMING DAR ES SALAAM SEMINAR.
ACTING DCM RAISED ISSUE, AS INSTRUCTED IN REK A, DURING
JANUARY 17 PRIVATE LUNCHEON DISCUSSION WITH ARNE ARNESEN, UNDER
SECRETARY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. AKTER REVIEWING BACKGROUND OF
TEHRAN CONFERENCE, UNGA ACTION, AND STATUS OF SWISS PROPOSAL
AS DESCRIBED IN REF B, HE RECALLED THAT IMPORTANCE WHICH U.S.
ATTACHES TO ISSUE WAS UNDERSCORED BY SECRETARY'S DISCUSSION
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND (WITH WHICH ARNESEN INDICATED
FAMILIARITY).

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2. ARNESEN SAID HANS LONGVA HAS BEEN INVITED TO DAR ES SALAAM

IN HIS CAPACITY AS AN INTERNATIONAL LAW EXPERT (BEFORE JOINING KOREIGN MINISTRY LEGAL DEPARTMENT IN 1972, LONGVA HAD DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME IN GENEVA AND AS UN EMPLOYEE TO STUJY OF LAW OF WAR, ON WHICH HE MAY WELL BE A RECOGNIZED EXPERT); HE IS TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSALS BEFORE THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE, NOT POLITICAL ISSUES. ARNESEN SAID HE COULD ASSURE EMBASSY LONGVA WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS OF REPRESENTATION ISSUE OR SWILL COMPROMISE PROPOSAL WHILE IN DAR. LATER IN AKTERNOON, ARNESEN CONFIRMED BY TELEPHONE THAT HE HAD ALREADY SPOKEN WITH LONGVA, MAKING IT CLEAR THAT HE WAS NOT TO PLAY ANY ROLE IN DISCUSSIONS OF REPRESENTATION OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

3. WHILE THIU HOPEFULLY DISPOSES OF THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM, THE ISSUE IS NOT NECESSARILY DEAD. THE NORWEGIANS STILL BASICALLY DISAGREE WITH US, AND ARNESEN (WHO IS THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE MINISTRY AND A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND AND IDEOLOGICAL ALLY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER) MAJE IT CLEAR THAT HE BELIEVES THE SOUTHERN AKRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SHOULD IN FACT BE ACCORJED REGULAR OBSERVER STATUS. THE ENSUING LSNGTHY DISCUSSION, WHICH COVERED ENTIRE RANGE OF KAMILIAR ARGUMENTS ON STATUS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, GUINEA-BISSAU, PORTUGAL, THE AZORES, AND ULTIMATELY THE IMPACT OF PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM ON NORWEGIAN POPULAR SUPPORT FOR NATO, WAS PREDICTABLY INCONCLUSIVE. ARNESEN AGREED QUITE REAJILY, HOWEVER, THAT IK THE SWISS COMPROMISE PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED THE NORWEGIANS WILL DO NOTHING TO TRY TO REOPEN THE QUESTION.

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